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States more than twenty thousand statements of the law which are not found in or mentioned in the syllabi of the reports. It embodies the utterances of the most powerful judicial tribunal in the world and utterances which heretofore have been buried in one hundred and ninety-seven volumes of reports. Each paragraph in the Digest is a quotation and is followed by the name of the judge who gave utterance to the dictum. Though the statements of law found in this work can not be considered as controlling authorities, yet the very fact that they are utterances of great judges makes them exceedingly valuable and opens up to the brief-maker a vast store of legal learning heretofore inaccessible. In investigating any subject the practitioner will do well to resort to this digest; for in it he will find quoted the exact words of such great judges as Marshall, Story, Field, Taney, Miller, Waite, Fuller, Brewer, and Harlan.

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**Leading Cases in the Bible**, by David Werner Amram, A. M., LL. B. Junius H. Greenstone, Publisher, Philadelphia. \$1.50, net.

This novel little work contains eighteen well known narratives of the Bible treated from the lawyer's standpoint. It is a most unique presentation of the subject. The lawyer who takes it up is not likely to put it down until he has read it from lid to lid. But it is not a work for the lawyer alone; it is alike valuable to the Bible student and to the student of sociology. The subjects which are so interestingly treated are as follows: The Case of Adam and Eve; The Murder of Able; The Purchase of the Cave of Machpelah; The Sale of Esau's Birthright; In the Matter of Isaac's Will; The Covenant of Jacob and Laban; The Blasphemy of the Son of Shelomith; The Case of Zelophehad's Daughters; The Trial of Achan by Lot; The Case of Jephthah's Daughter; The Case of Boaz and Ruth; The Case of Adonijah, Abiathar and Joab; The Judgment of Solomon; The Case of Naboth's Vineyard; A Conveyance of Land to the Prophet Jeremiah; The Trial of Jeremiah; The Trial of Job in the Court of Heaven; Job's Appeal from the Judgment of God.

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**The Encyclopedia of Evidence**. Edited by Edgar W. Camp and John F. Crowe. Volumes VI & VII. L. D. Powell Company, Los Angeles, 1905.

Assuming that a practitioner has a general knowledge of the principles of the law of evidence, what he most needs is some work of ready reference so well classified as to enable him to find without laborious research the precise application of the principle under consideration. In no department of legal learning is this so pre-eminently true as in evidence. Next to the text-books and reports of one's own state and the general encyclopedias we do not believe that the practitioner can have on his shelves any more valuable work

than the Encyclopedia of Evidence. Other subjects may be only infrequently touched by the general practitioner, but in every case questions of evidence will and must arise. The subjects treated in these two volumes are as follows: Fraud, Fraudulent Conveyances, Gaming, Gifts, Grand Jury, Guaranty, Guardian and Ward, Habeas Corpus, Handwriting, Hearsay, Highways, Homesteads and Exemptions, Homicide, Husband and Wife, Identity, Impeachment of Witnesses, Incest, Infants, Injunction, Injuries to Person, Insanity, Insolvency, Insurance, Intent, Interest, Interpreter, Intoxicating Liquors, Intoxication, Judgments, Judicial Notice.

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**The American State Reports**, containing the Cases of General Value and Authority subsequent to those contained in the "American Decisions" and the "American Reports," decided in the Courts of Last Resort of the several States. Selected, Reported, and Annotated by A. C. Freeman. Volume 105. Bancroft-Whitney Company, Law Publishers and Law Book Sellers, San Francisco, 1905.

It seems superfluous to say anything in praise of the American State Reports. They are so firmly established in the esteem of the bench and the bar that it is hardly necessary to do more than to call attention to the wisdom used by its editor in selecting the subjects to be treated in the volume under review. His first monographic note treats of the Necessary Parties to Proceedings in Mandamus. The other subjects dealt with are: Who Are Bound by a Judgment for or against a Municipal or Other Governmental Body or Its Officers; Rights and Liabilities of Assignees of Bills of Lading (to which subject nearly fifty pages are devoted); The Contract of Guaranty; Urging or Coercing Verdict; The Duties of Saving Banks to Their Depositors; Quitclaim Deed; Who Are Guests at Inns; Where Evidence of Other Crimes Is Admissible in Criminal Proceedings.

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**A Treatise on the Principles and Practice of the Action of Ejectment and Statutory Substitutes**, by George W. Warvelle, LL. D., Author of A Treatise on Abstracts of Title, The Law of Vendor and Purchaser, Principles of Real Property, etc. T. H. Flood & Co., Chicago, 1905.

The subject of Ejectment, around which there grew such a mass of intricate learning (now happily obsolete), receives in the book under review a clear and concise treatment by one whose reputation as a student of real estate law has already been established by his well-known works. We believe we are correct in saying that New York was the first state to seek to simplify the very intricate common law action of ejectment. Virginia and Massachusetts soon followed and today chapter 124 of the Code of Virginia is substantially the law of ejectment in a large number of the states. It is said that so